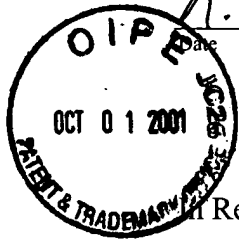


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the specification.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the paragraph presented in Appendix A onto page 1 of the specification, after the Title. The paragraph to entered reads as follows:

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST

A1 The United States Government has certain rights in this invention pursuant to Contract No. DE-AC04-94AL85000 between the United States Department of Energy and the Sandia Corporation for the operation of the Sandia National Laboratory.